# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION
# LOK SABHA

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Drinking Water Laboratories
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**Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:**

(a) the current status of laboratories in various districts to evaluate the quality of drinking water and whether they are able to fulfill their target; and
(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DRINKING WATER & SANITATION
(SHRI RAM KRIPAL YADAV)

(a) : As reported by the States on online Integrated Management Information System (IMIS) of Ministry of Drinking Water & Sanitation, States have set up total 2223 laboratories (27 State level laboratories, 732 district level laboratories, 1379 Sub district laboratories and 85 mobile water testing laboratories) till 29.04.2016 under National Rural Drinking Water Programme (NRDWP) for analysis of drinking water quality.
(b) : A well established laboratory should ideally test nearly 3000 samples in a year for basic parameters. During 2015-16, 37.11 lakh drinking water samples were tested in laboratories as reported by the States on online Integrated Management Information System (IMIS) of the Ministry of Drinking Water & Sanitation. There are shortage of qualified laboratory professionals in laboratories in States due to which some of the laboratories could not function at optimal level.

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